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PASSENGER LIMIT OF SCHOOL PLB'S MUST NOT BE EXCEEDED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK TO REMIND OPERATORS OF SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES TO ENSURE THAT THE NUMBER OF STUDENT PASSENGERS CARRIED IN THEIR VEHICLES DOES NOT EXCEED THE PERMITTED PASSENGER LIMIT.

"THE PERMITTED SEATING CAPACITY IS INDICATED IN THE VEHICLE LICENCE DISC AND THIS SHOULD NOT BE EXCEEDED.

"CARRYING STUDENT PASSENGERS EXCEEDING THE PASSENGER LIMIT IS AN OFFENCE AND POSES A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN ON BOARD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS IN A VEHICLE AS DESCRIBED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS, THREE CHILDREN WHO ARE THREE YEARS OLD OR OVER AND UNDER 1.3 METRES IN HEIGHT ARE COUNTED AS TWO PASSENGERS.

THIS MEANS THAT A 12-SEATER LIGHT BUS CAN CARRY A MAXIMUM OF 18 OF THESE CHILDREN AND A 14-SEATER LIGHT BUS CAN CARRY A MAXIMUM OF 21 CHILDREN.

A CHILD WHO IS THREE YEARS OLD OR OVER BUT TALLER THAN 1.3 METRES IS COUNTED AS ONE PASSENGER.

"OPERATORS OF SCHOOL PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES SHOULD STRICTLY ADHERE TO THIS METHOD IN CALCULATING THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PASSENGERS IN THEIR VEHICLES.

"OFFENDERS WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5,000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON FIRST CONVICTION AND \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE POLICE WILL BE PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS OFFENCE WHEN THE NEW SCHOOL TERM OPENS AND WILL TAKE ENFORCEMENT ACTION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

PARENTS AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES ARE ALSO ASKED TO CO-OPERATE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MARINE OFFICE TO BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING A MARINE OFFICE IN TUEN MUN NEXT YEAR .

THE TWO-STOREY OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED IN TUEN MUN AREA 27.

HAVING A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 540 SQUARE METRES, THE OFFICE WILL INCLUDE A PUBLIC AREA, SHROFF'S OFFICE, A REST ROOM, OPERATIONAL AND GENERAL OFFICES, TOILET AND ABLUTION FACILITIES, AND A DANGEROUS GOODS STORE.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT FEBRUARY AND BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JANUARY 6.

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JAPANESE BAND ARRIVES FOR FESTIVAL

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THE TAKAOKA COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND OF JAPAN ARRIVED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1988 HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

THE BAND HAS 55 MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL AND THEIR TRAINING IS GIVEN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BAND CONDUCTOR, MR KATSUHIKO DOAI.

THE BAND HAS TAKEN PART IN MANY COMPETITIONS AND HAS ATTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS.

IT HAS WON THE GOLD MEDAL 16 TIMES IN THE BAND COMPETITION OF TOYAMA PREFECTURE; GOLD MEDAL THREE TIMES AND SILVER MEDAL FIVE TIMES IN THE ALL JAPAN BAND COMPETITION; AND THE GOLD MEDAL ONCE AND THE SILVER MEDAL ONCE IN THE ALL JAPAN ENSEMBLE CONTEST.

THE BAND VISITED KOREA ON BEHALF OF JAPAN IN 1982 AND ALSO RECEIVED THE HONOUR OF THE "SUPERIOR EDUCATIONAL GROUP" FROM THE TOYAMA BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE VISITORS WILL GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE SYMPHONIC BAND CONTEST TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 27) AND AT THE MARCHING BAND CONTEST IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM THE NEXT DAY.

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IN ADDITION, THE BAND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE'S DISTRICT BANDS AND CHOIRS, WILL PERFORM IN THE GALA FINALE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 30), BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM.

TICKETS FOR THE GALA FINALE AT \$10 AND \$15 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 3-7967537.

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TEMPORARY RESTRICTED ZONES IN SHAM SHUI PO, WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 28), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER PEI HO STREET BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND BERWICK STREET, SHAM SHUI PO.

HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME, THIS SECTION OF PEI HO STREET WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE. NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS THERE.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CENTRE STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 10 METRES TO THE EAST WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

ALL THE ABOVE MEASURES WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FOR ROADWORKS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI PO ROAD AND PAK TIN STREET, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAM SHUI PO FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 28) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

PAK TIN STREET BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND BERWICK STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC. AFFECTED VEHICLES INCLUDING GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 42 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TAI PO ROAD, PEI HO STREET, BERWICK STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET, WOH CHAI STREET AND PAK TIN STREET.

MOREOVER, BUSES ON KMB ROUTES 2B, 2F, 86 AND 86A WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEN CHOW STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND NAM CHEONG STREET.

SERVICES ON BUS ROUTES 6D AND 40 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YEN CHOW STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, NAM CHEONG STREET AND WOH CHAI STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE BUS STOP OBSERVED BY BUSES ON ROUTES 2B, 2F, 6D, 40, 86 AND 86A IN WOH CHAI STREET OUTSIDE BLOCK 29, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE WILL BE SUSPENDED.

MEANWHILE, ADDITIONAL BUS STOPS FOR ROUTES 6D AND 40 WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE 62 CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND IN NAM CHEONG STREET RESPECTIVELY.

THE EXISTING BAN ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES IN PEI HO STREET BETWEEN TAI PO ROAD AND BERWICK STREET WILL BE LIFTED.

HOWEVER, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS IN THIS SECTION OF PEI HO STREET FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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